

City of Menomonie
Police and Fire Commission Meeting
Minutes for March 10, 2010

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. in the police department conference room by Commission President Sandfort

Roll Call:

Commissioners Ley, Mangin, Pierce, Peterson, and Sandfort were present. Interim Police Chief Langlois was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Mangin to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Interim Chief Langlois introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his background. The Commissioners also introduced themselves.

Interim Chief Langlois along with the lead detective in the case visited with the Kong family and answered their questions about the homicides to the satisfaction of the family. They have also been invited to view the diagrams of the murder scene if they chose. Interim Chief Langlois also has been in communication with Ruth Martinson and has indicated to her, his willingness to meet at her convenience.

New Business:

Commissioner Pierce asked for a clarification on the department's K-9 program. Interim Chief Langlois indicated that the program was not working out as planned and that steps had been taken to terminate the program. It is noted however that the sheriff's department has now two dogs so that the city will still have access to K-9 services.

Interim Chief Langlois explained that a mutual aid agreement is in the process of being written. This will allow for a smooth working relationship with Stout University police and with the Sheriff's department. This agreement has the endorsement of the Police and Fire Commission.

It was indicated that photos of the officers and staff of the department will again be placed in the conference room as soon as our new hires are in place which should happen by July.

President Sandfort received a 2009 summary of the year for the Fire Department from Chief Baus and it is available to each of the Commissioners.

A new organizational chart for the Police Department was presented by Interim Chief Langlois. After discussion it was moved by Mangin, seconded by Pierce to

accept the proposed new organizational chart as presented. The Commission further directed the Interim Chief to draw up job descriptions for each of the lieutenants. Motion carried. The structure should result in a more effective system with all sections of the department being supervised.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Mangin to authorize Interim Chief Langlois to issue a conditional offer of employment to Sean Haskamp as soon as a vacancy is indicated in the department. Motion carried. After further discussion regarding the eligibility list, Interim Chief Langlois was directed to begin anew the process for entry level patrolmen. The motion was made by Mangin and seconded by Peterson. Motion carried.

It was moved by Pierce, seconded by Peterson to authorize Interim Chief Langlois to begin the selection process for Lieutenant as well. Motion carried. The position for sergeant was discussed and since interviews were conducted at an earlier time, the Commission will meet at a later time to announce its decisions regarding that position/s.

Sergeant Andy Crouse presented the Commission with an update on the status/progress of the technology grant and its implications for the city and county. The Commission was then given a tour of the facility as well.

Next meeting:

No date was established for the next meeting.

Adjourn:

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Mangin, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at approximately 3:45.

****Notes:**

It was determined that the duty of the recording secretary will be rotated in alphabetical order.

Respectively submitted,

Commissioner James Ley